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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Peter M. Bonutti  
Filing Date : herewith  
For : METHOD OF SECURING TISSUE  
Group Art Unit : 3732(?)  
Examiner : E. Robert (?)  
Attorney Docket No. : BON-4250-1

(This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/370,865 filed August 9, 1999.)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Please insert the following paragraph in the specification after the title of the application and before the subtitle "Background of the Invention":

**Related Application**

This application is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/370,865 filed August 9, 1999. The benefit of the earlier filing date of the aforementioned application Serial No. 09/370,865 is hereby claimed.

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